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1. BULGARIANS GENERALLY SEEM TO REGARD US ENERGY PROBLEMS AS LESS SERIOUS THAN WESTERN EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE CRISIS RESULTING FROM ARAB OIL CUTS. BULGARIAN MEDIA FAITHFULLY REPORT MEASURES WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ADOPT TO DEAL WITH SHORTAGE, HIGHLIGHTING STRAIN SITUATION PUTS ON EEC AND NATO RELATIONSHIPS. DOMESTIC US ENERGY SITUATION RECEIVES LESS COVERAGE WITH MORE ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE PROBLEM THAN TO ITS SOLUTION.

2. WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA PREFER TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT
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PRIVATELY, QUALIFYING EACH STATEMENT, AND ARE EXTREMELY

SENSITIVE TO POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR NATO AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT THEIR COUNTRIES ARE YIELDING TO ARAB BLACKMAIL.

3. AGENCY OUTPUT SHOULD EMPHASIZE EXTENT TO WHICH US IS ALREADY SELF SUFFICIENT AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.
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